

REMARKS

In reply to the final Office Action mailed February 25, 2010, please enter the amendments set forth above and consider the following remarks. By this response, Applicants amend claims 1-3 and 6-11, cancel claims 4-5 and 11-13 without prejudice or disclaimer, and present new claims 21-23. No new matter has been added. Upon entry of this paper, claims 1-3, 6-11, and 14-23 will remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner: (i) rejected claims 1-4, 7, and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6, 278,736 (De Haan), (ii) rejected claims 9, 11, 15, and 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as unpatentable over De Haan in view of "well known knowledge"; and (iii) objected to claims 5-6, 8, 10, 16, and 19 as dependent upon a rejected claim, but indicated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the dependent claim. Applicants respectfully traverse. In the interest of efficiently furthering prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims as indicated above, and submit that the claims as amended are allowable for at least the reasons set forth below.

In the Office action, the Examiner indicated that claims 5, 6, 8, 10, 16, and 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of former claim 5. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that claim 1, and claims 2-3, 6-11, and 14-20 dependent thereon are therefore allowable over the cited art.

Additionally, Applicants submit new claim 21 that includes all of the limitations of former claim 10; claim 22 that includes all of the limitations of former claim 16; and claim 23 that includes all of the limitations of former claim 19.

Since all of the independent claims have been amended to recite subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusory Remarks

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-3, 6-11, and 14-23 are in condition for formal allowance, and early and favorable action to that end is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to call Applicants' attorney at the number below if doing so will in any way advance prosecution of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit in the overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **07-1896** referencing Attorney Docket No. **348162-992080**.

Respectfully submitted,

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